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SUBJECT: PRESS SAYS U.S. ASKS NATO TO ESTABLISH
SOUTH AFRICA INSTALLATION

MAY 23 AFTERNOON SOUTH AFRICAN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS HAS GIVEN FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO STORY FROM BRUSSELS REPORTING "VIOLENT" OPPOSITION OF DUTCH DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING TO PLAN TO ESTABLISH MAJOR MONITORING INSTALLATION IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR NATO INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. ARTICLES IN ARGUS (CAPE TOWN) AND STAR (JOHANNESBURG) STATE THAT DIPLOMATIC AND NATO SOURCES AS WELL AS VREDELING REFUSED TO NAME COUNTRY WHICH HAD PROPOSED PLAN. ARTICLES NEVERTHELESS REPORT THAT "APPARENTLY" SUGGESTION HAD BEEN MADE BY U.S. DEFENSE SECY SCHLESINGER AND SUPPORTED BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE. PRESS REPORTS CONCLUDE THAT "IF, AS IS BEING ASSUMED, PROPOSAL CAME FROM AMERICA, IT IS LIKELY THAT LENGTHY TALKS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE INSTALLATION HAVE

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ALREADY TAKEN PLACE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER (MR. B.J.

VORSTER) AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER (MR. P.W. BOTHA)."
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